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Dear Anne:

I appreciate your prompt attention to the development of the program session for the 1990 SEAALL Annual Meeting assigned to you. The program is shaping up very well and we should have all speakers confirmed shortly.

Following is an update on the progress of the Program Committee's work for the Program in Oxford, Mississippi.

(a) Chapter 1: "Law and Literature: An Overview"

Chapter 2: "Part Two of Law and Literature - A Panel Discussion"

Professor John O. Cole of Mercer University School of Law, author of "Thoughts from the Land of And," 39 Mercer Law Review 907 (1987), is scheduled to call me later this week to confirm his presentation. If he cannot attend the meeting and handle the "overview," I have several other authorities in the area who might be able to take his place. Professor Teresa G. Phelps of Notre Dame and Suzanne Cassidy, Reference Librarian at Mercer University, are also scheduled to participate.

(b) Chapter 3: "Legal Literature: A Class in LC Classification"

The coordinator of this meeting plans to give a brief introduction to the use of classification in American law libraries and the development of LC classification. Next a law firm librarian will lecture on topics, such as the structure of KF schedule, use of the form divisions tables, modification, etc. A special session for advanced LC users will take place at the same time with a law school librarian addressing issues, such as problem areas of KF, distinction between JX and K classes, how to use the new regional schedules, etc.

(c) Chapter 4: "Abortion Law Rhetoric"

This meeting is still on the schedule; however, locating a speaker with the time to make a presentation is proving difficult. Sarah Weddington (Roe v. Wade attorney) could not attend; neither could Professor Walter Dellinger of Duke University. The next

person in line is Dawn Johnson, staff attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of National Abortion Rights Action League. If Ms. Johnson cannot make the presentation, Professor Reppy at Duke University may be interested.

(d) Chapter 5 and Chapter 6: "PC Basics"

This session focuses on PC microcomputing for newcomers and others needing a brushup on PC fundamentals. The sessions will concentrate on hardware basics, drives and disks, organization of PC's with directories, subdirectories, paths, files, etc., common DOS commands and their use, and other useful DOS capabilities, such as autoexec.bat, config.sys, etc.

(e) Chapter 7: "Historic Preservation Law: Buildings Not Books"

Stephen N. Dennis, Executive Director of the National Center for Historic Preservation Law, will likely be the speaker. He has many years of experience in this area and comes highly recommended as a speaker by Larry Wenger of the University of Virginia Law Library.

(f) Chapter 8: "Cataloging and Control of Non-print Alternative Media"

Catherine Swanson (Mississippi) and Jack Bissett (Washington and Less) will present a discussion of the various types of non-print/alternative media which are available in law libraries today, including cassette tapes, video tapes, compact discs, video discs, etc. They will address whether to catalog or not catalog the materials and the best methods to process, house and circulate these materials.

(g) Chapter 9: "Southern Legal History: Background and Resources"

Jenni Parrish, Director of the Law Library at the University of Pittsburgh, will discuss her work in the area of legal history and legal materials with special attention to her recent research in Southern legal history.

(h) Chapter 10: "DIALOG Pilot program at the University of Florida Law Library"

Rosalie Sanderson of the University of Florida Law Library will discuss a DIALOG pilot program at Florida that she is directing with no limit on the use. She will discuss how the Florida Law Library has integrated DIALOG into its research programs and what she has done to promote the use of DIALOG. A representative of DIALOG will also be available to discuss the program and its implications for other law schools and potential impact on law firm libraries.

(i) Chapter 11: "Building a Basic Foreign/International Law Collection in Law Firms and Small Academic Libraries & Research in these Areas"

Claire Germain of the Duke University Law Library, author of a new book on foreign/international law for law firms, will offer a practical discussion of research in the international and foreign law areas and provide information on building a core collection. She will emphasize materials available in English. She will discuss areas, such as why it is difficult to do research in the international foreign law areas, what basic resources should be purchased, etc.

Wes Cochran has indicated to me that the Local Arrangements Committee is the appropriate group to deal with the speakers' expenses, reimbursements, etc. The Local Arrangements Chair is Dr. Ellis Tucker at the University of Mississippi (601-232-7731). The following guidelines have been used traditionally for speakers:

- SEAALL Members - registration fee paid
- AALL Member, but not SEAALL member - offer to pay airline fee plus \$100.00
- Others - negotiate for speaking fee; expenses paid

The hotel rates this year seem very reasonable. The main conference hotel rates are \$39.00 (single) and \$41.00 (double) and the rate at the Best Western is \$34.00 (single) and \$39.00 (double). The Local Arrangements Committee will handle the hotel bill for the speakers. Speakers should make their own airline reservations and obtain reimbursement from the Local Arrangements Committee.

Again, thank you for your assistance. Please let me know when you have confirmed your speakers (if you have not already done this) and feel free to call me with any other questions.

Sincerely,



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1990 SEAALL Program Committee

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